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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: NOTICE OF EX PARTE

PS Docket No. 11-60: Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 7, 2017, Rebecca Murphy Thompson and I of Competitive Carriers Association ("CCA"), ¹ along with representatives from APCO International ("APCO"), CTIA, National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators ("NASNA"), NENA: The 9-1-1 Association ("NENA"), and Verizon on behalf of the ATIS's Network Reliability Steering Committee ("ATIS NRSC"), met with members of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau ("Bureau") to discuss the above-referenced proceeding.² A full list of meeting participants is below.

CCA reminded the Bureau of its support for the voluntary Wireless Network Resiliency Cooperative Framework³ ("Framework") as adopted in December 2016,⁴ and its commitment to many of the same principles with certain conditions.⁵ In particular, CCA noted its members' continued collaboration with Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAPs"), especially in local areas."⁶ CCA discussed its commitment to "provide relevant contact information for appropriate carrier and PSAP databases only within a reasonable period of time when an emergency situation is announced, subject to promises of

¹ CCA is the nation's leading association for competitive wireless providers and stakeholders across the nation. CCA's membership includes nearly 100 competitive wireless providers ranging from small, rural carriers serving fewer than 5,000 customers to regional and national providers serving millions of customers. CCA also represents associate members including vendors and suppliers that provide products and services throughout the mobile communications supply chain.

² Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies, Order, PS Docket No. 11-60 (rel. Dec. 14, 2016) ("Order").

³ See, Letter from Joan Marsh, AT&T, Charles McKee, Sprint, Grant Spellmeyer, US Cellular, Scott Bergmann, CTIA, Steve Sharkey, T-Mobile USA, and William H. Johnson, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, PS Docket Nos. 13-239, 11-60 at 1 (filed Apr. 27, 2016) ("Framework").

⁴ Order ¶ 1.

⁵ Of note, CCA made this commitment on behalf of many of its carrier members. There may be some carriers who may not commit, for various reasons, to the principles outlined within. *See*, Letter from Rebecca Murphy Thompson, EVP & General Counsel, CCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, PS Docket Nos. 13-239, 11-60 at 1, fn 3 (filed May 31, 2016) ("CCA Voluntary Framework").

⁶ CCA Voluntary Framework at 3.

confidentiality."⁷ CCA also noted that this commitment is triggered "[o]nce each carrier has assessed the security of its own network, and after it determines it can accomplish the principles set out in the Framework." Finally, CCA reminded the Commission that a competitive carrier's ability to comply with these voluntary commitments is contingent upon their technical feasibility and prioritizing the needs of their consumers.

CCA likewise applauded the ATIS's NRSC's efforts to develop a contact information template, and NENA's willingness to continue discussions about expanding its existing database to facilitate the data collection process. CCA looks forward to continued work with industry and the Commission to ensure consumers and emergency officials are provided relevant information and the most innovative and sound wireless services, especially during disasters and emergencies.

This *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically with your office pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁷ *Id*. ¶ 7, fn 21.